Chapter:8

An endless tunnel.
A labyrinth without an exit.
Continuing on and on, forever...
Welcome.
Hehehe

You have
my warmest welcome,
Kanogawa Masaki.
STOP
Mph...
RIP
!
TURN
Hinageshi!
Hina-
My dear elder sister.

...Exactly what are you playing at, Camellia?
I shall ask you
Just one more time,
my beloved sister.
STROKE
Whatever do you mean?
She was looking for you,
so I took her into my care.
Aren't I generous?

Become mine.
Like you were in the past. No, even more so...
Now
face her,
and let her hear your answer.
!!
Braid
!!
PULL
Braid
Braid
!
LIFT
Pull

Camellia.
My answer remains the same,
HURL
.....
THUMP
You...

Oh, dear...
CLINK
Then
there is just no way to avoid it.
POP
POP
OUT
Let us begin
our fight to the death.
GRAB
Hinageshi...?
RISE

I will never
leave you alone again.
You truly never learn.
How many times do you plan on making me say it,
SIGH
Masaki?
FALL
!
So please
give me a little time.
Only a little.

Now...
come at me,
Camellia.
As you wish, sister dear.
Please don't go easy on
!!
Me!
STEP 11

DASH
SWEEP
JUMP
CLASH
STAB

POUNCE
CLASH
.....
PRESS
I believe I asked you
not to go easy on me.
Whatever is the matter?
Have those loving wounds I gave you begun to hurt?
CLING
Or could it be...

You are not denying it.
PRESSURE
Because Kanogawa Masaki is watching?
Too bad!
CLANG
What a shame!
CLANG
Why? Why?
I alone am capable
SLASH
I alone am suitable for you.
SLASH
SLASH
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
of standing by your side!
And yet...
DRIP

Masaki was the one
who reached out to and touched me.
She is overly optimistic,
wilful,
and such a hopeless fool
that it drives me crazy.
The inner darkness at her core is much the same as mine,
but she is still totally different from me.
That is why...
PARRY

ガッ
FANG
!
BAM
THUNK
ばっ
REACH
Masaki!
きゅ
PULL

AAAAAAAAHHHH
RISE
CLUTCH
RUN
RUN
RUN

SLASH
CRASH
!!!
Gasp
Gasp
Gasp

My sweet...
sister...
Have you heard...
about how...
when one human being...
kills another...
all she can think of
is the victim dying at her hands.
My sister...
My lovely Hinageshi,
Just now,
Please tell me.
did you

as a
human being, from your own will...?
try to kill me
For a moment,
just one, single moment,
I don't mind if you felt loathing or hatred,
as long as you were acting on your true emotions.
if you thought solely of me
rather than of Kanogawa Masaki...

I won't mind if you have outgrown being a living doll.
TOUCH
I...
Sister...
Are you looking... at me?
Please look at me...
Gasp
Gasp
...Rest in peace,
Camellia.
I am so happy...
I...
always...

RELEASE
always...
hoped you would
kill me, just like this.
I am...
so very...
happy...
Twitch
!!

Murdering someone as a human being...
SHAKE
カタ
SHAKE
カタ...
The dull, heavy sensation of my scissors biting into flesh.
The brilliant hue of spurting blood.
The warmth of her body...
So very
painful.
GRIP
Killing...
is so
so very...
Ste
Step

how she has cursed me with her death.
This must be
I'm scared...
I understand for the first time.
I know now what it means to commit murder.
This pain... must surely be the same as your agony, Masaki...
You don't have to... Hinegeshi.
TOUCH
...It's okay.
It's over.
You won't have to do anything like this anymore...
HUG

...Masaki.
PIVOT
.....
SHOVE!
THUMP
DRIP
It isn't over...
It never will be...
geshi...
Hina-

Neither you, nor I.
Those caught in the Puppeteers' strings
can never, ever escape.
No matter how much we kill,
it will only continue until we meet our own deaths.
So if...
my death must mean
your death as well,
then here and now,
All we can do is keep killing
and killing.
This pain
will torture Masaki
as long as she lives...
If we want to stay alive.

I choose you, Masaki.
I choose to meet my end with you.
I will never...
let you be alone again...
!...
I'm sorry...
I wish there were a way
for me to never kill again.
But I cannot let you die
at someone else's hands.

Drip
Drip
Hinageshi...?
...What's the matter?
It's okay, Hinageshi.
I...
I don't mind, if it's you...
I can't do it...

I can't do it...
I can't bear the thought of you dying...
I can't take it...!
But I...
I have to...
CLATTER
I can't let Masaki get trapped forever in this suffering...
in the black tunnel of endless killing...
Ma-
TUG
!
...Listen closely, Hinageshi.

Flinch
...Are you ready to give up on life, Hinageshi?
I want to live.
I want to go on living with you.

If you can only live in darkness,
then all I have to do is go join you there.
Wherever you go is where I belong.
...Do you really understand what you are saying...?
I am sure...
I will kill others in front of you.
Like the one who took your parents away from you.

Sorry...
I...
am ridiculously self-centered.
.....?
PAT
...You're so gentle at heart.
Quite unlike me.
PAT
PAT
What made me unhappy
was seeing you
commit murder emotionlessly, as if it were perfectly normal; without grasping the true implications.
That's why I wanted to show you
that you have the ability to choose.
That there is a whole different side to the world,
with no killing.

I wanted you to know the true pain caused by death.
...I wish I could make sure
that no one ever goes through the same thing as me.
But if you have come to understand all this
and you choose to kill in order to live,
for your own sake
Hold

I can accept that.
I'm willing to accept
everything about you.
...Aren't I self-centered?
Clench
...You are such a fool, Masaki.
It's a little late to be telling me now.
Frankly,
you seem downright abnormal.
Ahaha
Can't argue with that.

I guess... you're right...
Good grief...
It's just as they say.
Love is blind indeed.

Is it all right to leave without telling anyone?
Yeah, I don't mind.
There's no way to explain it.
And it might put them in danger.
True.

.....?
...More importantly,
there's something we need to start thinking about.
What happens next?
Where do you want to go? What do you want to do?
Why, you sound like a child about to go on a field trip.
Good heav-ens...

...Whether it is the deepest abyss in the world
or the very depths of Hell...
as long as you're with me,
I will go anywhere.

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